

## Has \$1.5 Trillion in Tax Cuts

**Washington, DC**—U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), voted today for H Con Res 85, the budget resolution that sets guidelines for spending for the United States government through 2014. The spending bills for those years will be passed out of the Appropriations Committee, on which Rodriguez serves. The resolutions are expected to pass both the House and Senate and do not require the President's signature to be used as an outline.

The budget outline is a comprehensive plan to create jobs, make health care more affordable, and improve education. It cuts taxes for middle income families by \$1.5 trillion, and cuts the deficit by two-thirds by the year 2013. The economic plan also contains key integrity initiatives to protect taxpayer money by rooting out waste, fraud and abuse.

Of the budget, Rodriguez said:

*"Today we passed a responsible, long term economic plan that cuts taxes for the middle class, cuts the deficit, and reduces non-defense spending so that we can help to continue setting the economy back on track. While we'll pass an actual spending plan later on this year for 2010, this outline sets the table for the United States to remain the most powerful country in the world and also raises the bar in terms of transparency in spending."*

*"Later this week I'll also release all of my spending requests known as 'earmarks' for the 2010 budget. This will be the most transparent the Appropriations process has ever been, and as a member of the Committee I have been proud to help bring much of what we do to daylight so that Americans can see what their member of Congress is requesting for them."*

*"We have lots of work to do to ensure that we spend in a fiscally responsible manner again, but I'm going to continue to work on behalf of my constituents to ensure I'm doing everything I can for them."*

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